



A Soldier from A Company, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, Fort Riley, Kan., interviews a personnel coming through the Adams Gate for any indicators of the coronavirus. (U.S. Army photo by James Myer, USAG Humphreys Public Affairs)

Infantry Soldiers stand guard with smile

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CAMP HUMPHREYS, Republic of Korea — The 1st Infantry Division Soldiers never envisioned their tour to the Republic of Korea meant gate duty to protect the force; however, that has not stopped them from appreciating their mission.

Shortly after the first service member confirmed positive with the coronavirus in the southeastern city of Daegu, earlier this year, the U.S. Forces Korea implemented a stricter entry measures at the

gates to protect the force.

The 1ID Soldiers are tasked to screen people entering the installation by protecting the force by actively checking for indicators of the coronavirus. They interview personnel coming through the gates to assess potential risk, and conduct temperature checks prior to their ID checks.

Currently, Soldiers from A Company, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, Fort Riley, Kan., serve at the Adams Gate, located near the Exchange. The

team work in tandem with the military police and the Korean gate guards.

“Our simple questions get people interested,” said Sgt. Tristan Purcelli, at the Adams Gate. “And we don’t mind being here. We are a tight-knit unit, and we boost each other up when we need to.”

The Soldiers feel a sense of purpose in their work, knowing that their role is vitally important to the garrison.

“What we do show people the reality of the situation, and how we are taking

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HPCON

Health Protection Condition Levels

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Department of Defense Public Health Emergency Management policy assigns health protection condition (HPCON) levels to disease outbreaks, such as the spread of COVID-19, based on the severity of the disease and the level of transmission occurring in the local community.

HPCON levels outline specific actions you can take in response to a health threat. While it's always important to prevent the spread of germs, there are additional steps you can take if COVID-19 transmission becomes more widespread in your community. Regardless of the current HPCON level, always follow the guidance from your installation and local public health agencies.

Take the following actions to protect the health and safety of your Family and your community.

0 ROUTINE

No community transmission

Take everyday actions to stop the spread of germs:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often and for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.
- Cover your cough/sneeze with a tissue, then throw it in the trash; cough/sneeze into your elbow if tissues are unavailable.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Ensure all immunizations are up to date, including your seasonal flu shot.
- Stay home if you are sick and avoid close contact with Family members and pets.
- Create an emergency preparedness kit.

ALPHA LIMITED

Community transmission beginning

Continue all previous actions and:

- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- If you are sick, call your medical provider for instructions on receiving care before going to the clinic.
- Stay informed by routinely checking reliable sources of information such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and your local public health agencies.

BRAVO MODERATE

Increased community transmission

Continue all previous actions and:

- Avoid unnecessary contact with others, such as shaking hands and hugging.
- Avoid unnecessary travel, especially to areas known to be experiencing active disease transmission.
- Ensure supplies of food, medication, and other items needed for babies and pets are available to last at least 14 days.
- Prepare for travel restrictions and cancellation of public gatherings, such as school, religious, and other community activities; make alternative arrangements for childcare.
- Observe local guidance on movement restrictions and access requirements for military installations.
- Seek guidance from employers and unit leaders about changes to work practices (e.g., telework) and training events.
- Comply with medical orders for self-isolation or quarantine.

CHARLIE SUBSTANTIAL

Sustained community transmission

Continue taking all previous actions and:

- Expect cancellation of in-person gatherings (e.g., schools, daycare, all community activities) and restricted ability to travel.
- Plan activities for Family members, especially children, in case you are restricted to your home for prolonged periods of time.
- Prepare for the potential of limited access to supplies and services, including severely restricted access to military installations.
- Implement remote work procedures as directed by your employer.
- If outside the United States, authorized or ordered departure actions may be implemented.

DELTA SEVERE

Widespread community transmission

Continue taking all previous actions and:

- Expect to remain at home for extended periods of time as movement in the community may be restricted and at-home isolation or quarantine may be directed.
- Follow all directives and guidance from local, state and federal authorities; these actions are to protect the health and safety of you and your Family.

For more information:

<https://phc.amedd.army.mil/topics/discond/diseases/Pages/2019-nCoVChina.aspx>
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Emergency kit checklist for Families:

<https://www.cdc.gov/childrenanddisasters/checklists/kids-and-families.html>



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April 2, 2020

Dear Pacific West families and employees,

I am writing to provide you with an update regarding the reopening of DoDEA Pacific West schools. The Department of Defense Education Activity Pacific region, in coordination with U.S. Forces Korea, continues to monitor the local environment with the intent of reopening school facilities when it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Due to the current health protection conditions, we will not be able to resume our normal operations on April 13. In order to allow for staff to participate in required professional development, April 13 will be a staff workday and online instruction will not be provided. Virtual learning will resume on April 14.

The decision to continue the closure of Pacific West school facilities was made after much discussion with U.S. Forces Korea leadership and is based solely on the conditions here in Korea. We will continue to provide our Pacific West families with regular communication regarding the reopening of schools.

The health and wellness of our school community remains my priority. For your safety and the safety of our community, please review and adhere to the HPCON-C/C+/installation safety guidance issued by our local military installation leaders.

As we work to ensure the appropriate measures are in place for the safe reopening of school facilities, our teachers will continue to provide quality virtual instruction to students. Please reach out to your student's teacher or principal if you have any questions or concerns regarding online learning.

We appreciate your ongoing support and flexibility during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JA", is located below the word "Sincerely,".

Dr. Jeff Arrington
Superintendent

U. S. Army Criminal Investigation Command

CID Cautions Teleworkers to Adhere to IT Best Practices

QUANTICO, Va. (March 23, 2020) – As the Army community continues to encourage teleworking, the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command reminds users about cyber adversaries and the importance of keeping all information on the network safe.

As telework increases across the Army, network users play an important role in protecting the Department of Defense Information Network. CID encourages users to follow department-issued guidance and best practices as well as those developed by DoD. This information will help ensure users maintain secure use of common capabilities and continue to operate effectively during telework status.

CID officials also remind the Army community that your government furnished equipment (GFE) is for official government use only and is to be used only by authorized users. It is important to remind family members the computer is for your work only and not to be used for other purposes. Users are encouraged to utilize good practices such as locking and removing your CAC and maintaining the physical security of their GFE.

Additional important reminders for government teleworkers:

- The use of Government Furnished Equipment is ALWAYS the preferred method for connecting to DoD Resources
- Adhere to your organization-specific Telework User Guidance
- Use your organization's official connection services while conducting official business (e.g., VPN, MobiKEY, Skype for Business, and VidyDesktop etc.) and log off from connection at the end of work day or during idle times when you are not directly interacting with network resources.
- While connected to the NIPRNet, use of streaming video/audio and internet access is not authorized except for official business
- Study and follow the Acceptable Use Policy for government systems
- Use your organization's approved communication and collaboration methods for official business
- Work offline whenever possible

In addition, the Criminal Investigation Command's Major Cybercrime Unit continues to warn the Army community of ongoing Coronavirus-themed phishing attacks impersonating organizations with the end goal of stealing information and delivering malware.

"Cybercriminals are innovative and will take advantage of current browsing trends to conduct social engineering attacks," said Edward Labarge, Director, Major Cybercrime Unit, USACIDC. "We have already seen this with malware infected COVID-19 maps and phishing emails related to the pandemic."

Labarge recommends always inspecting the URL and ensuring you know where the link will take you, because criminals are disguising themselves in an effort to steal money and/or sensitive information.

"When conducting research on COVID-19 or any other topic, you want to ensure you use good cybersecurity best practices," he said. "This includes keeping your browser, operating system, and antivirus software up to date. Additionally, you should never click on an unknown link.

You can check the link by hovering your mouse over the URL to see where it leads." Some Trusted Sources available for use:

DAF COVID-19 Webpage: <https://www.af.mil/News/Coronavirus-Disease-2019/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

USAF COVID-19 Information Page: <https://www.af.mil/News/Coronavirus-Disease-2019/>

World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/>

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this epidemic seriously,” said Spc. Charles Bracken.

While they take their new positions seriously, their interactions with the children make their days extra special.

“The kids really lift up your day,” said Bracken. “Many of them wave, and some say ‘cheese’ because they think that the thermometer is a little camera. They put a smile on our faces.”

Diane Oh, a military spouse, appreciates the Soldiers for their hard work.

“I think these Soldiers are doing an excellent job,” she said. “This is a very important necessary precaution measures to keep us safe. Our community appreciates them very much.”

For more information on the COVID-19 virus, please visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Camp Humphreys HPCON C+

Health Protection Condition-Charlie (HPCON-C)

Off-post Activities

HPCON-C

USFK supports these essential off installation activities when the HPCON Core Tenets are followed.

Grocery	Law Enforcement	Medical	Government Office	Pharmacy
Realtor	Public Transport to-from work	Take-outs		
Vet/Pet Stores		Delivery		
School		Gas		
Laundry Dry Cleaner	Bank Money Exchange	Post Office	Child Care Baby Sitter	Mechanic
Religious Service (<15)	Visiting Family & Friends (Small Groups)	Barber / Salon (Essential Personal Hygiene)	Walk/Run/Bike near Home (Social Distancing)	

Health Protection Condition-Charlie **PLUS** (HPCON-C+)

Off-post Activities

HPCON-C+

USFK supports these essential off installation activities when the HPCON Core Tenets are followed. Only access assigned installations.

Grocery	Law Enforcement	Medical	Government Office	Pharmacy
Open-air Markets	Realtor	Public Transport to-from work	Take-outs	
Vet/Pet Stores		Delivery		
School		Gas		
Laundry Dry Cleaner	Bank Money Exchange	Post Office	Child Care Baby Sitter	Mechanic
Religious Service	Visiting Family & Friends (Small Groups)	Barber / Salon	Walk/Run/Bike near Home (Social Distancing)	

The activities below pose an unnecessary risk to health and should never be conducted off USFK installations during HPCON-C or higher



For more information visit www.usfk.mil
Or your installation's Facebook page

Waivers authorized by Chain of Command

